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In re Application of

STABLE SODIUM-FREE OR LOW-SODIUM AQUEOUS SOLUTION OF AGREEABLE SALTINESS TASTE

Application Number

10/728,827

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December 8, 2003

For Vasquez, Ramon Efrain

Art Unit  
1761

Examiner  
Helen F. Pratt

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner.

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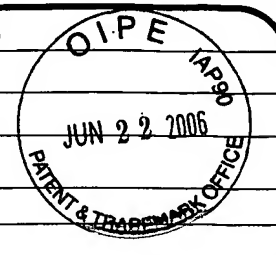
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity Fee (\$)

50

200

360

**Total Claims****Extra Claims****Fee(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**2 -20 or HP= 0 x 0 = 0**Fee (\$)****Multiple Dependent Claims****Fee Paid (\$)**

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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